

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David Massey of  
Defeated Creek.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. David Massey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Massey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, David Massey served with acumen and alacrity as a production engineer with General Electric and as an antique dealer and farmer in the Defeated Creek community, in which positions he earned the respect of his clients, friends and family members alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Smith County High School and Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Mr. Massey served with great valor in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary public citizen, Mr. Massey not only served two terms as Smith County Commissioner, but also devoted his considerable talents to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, serving as Treasurer, to the Smith County Shrine Club, serving as President and Vice President, to the South Carthage Civitan Club, serving as President, Vice President

and Secretary and as a member of the Difficult Masonic Lodge #451 and the Al Menah Temple;  
and

WHEREAS, David Massey was an active and devout member of the Peyton Creek Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as Deacon and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Massey was also deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, David Massey enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-eight years, Mary Petty Massey, and their daughter, Stephanie Massey Johnson and her husband, Steve, and their two grandchildren, Lauren and Adam Johnson; Mr. Massey was also blessed with siblings Anna Mai Lankford and her husband, Wayne, and Edward Massey and his wife, Jeanette; and

WHEREAS, while Mr. Massey's passing has left each of these individuals with a heavy heart whose weight they must bear for some time to come, his life granted them each a glimpse of the love and compassion that is the very light of life; and

WHEREAS, David Massey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of David Massey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.